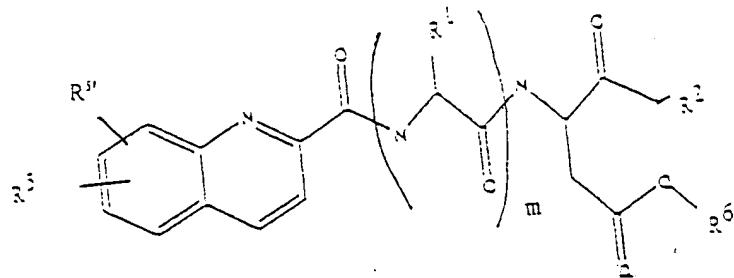


IN THE ABSTRACT:

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This invention concerns compounds and a pharmaceutical composition of the structure:

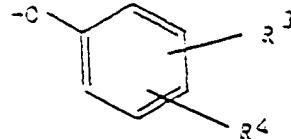
wherein:



R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, and substituted aryl which will produce a natural amino acid structure or an unnatural amino acid structure, and the carbon adjacent to R<sup>1</sup> is in the D or L configuration;

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of

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wherein R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, fluoro, chloro, carboxyl, alkoxy, alkyl carbonyl, aryl carbonyl, and amine; R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, fluoro, chloro, carboxy, alkoxy, alkyl carbonyl, aryl carbonyl, and amine, and R<sup>6</sup> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, aryl or substituted aryl, and m is 1, 2 or 3 are defined herein. These compounds as reagents and pharmaceutical compositions have pro-drug and apoptosis properties and are useful in a variety of therapies, for diseases such as arthritis, ALS, MS, and the like.